

# Schumer Report

Today, United States Senator Charles E. Schumer announced that, as of January 1, 2011, the coverage gap in the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit (commonly known as the "donut hole") will begin to be closed once and for all. Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama in March 2010, seniors stuck in the donut hole will now see the cost of their brand name drugs discounted by 50 percent. This translates to a per capita savings of \$550 in 2011, and the discount will ratchet up every year until the donut hole is fully closed in 2020. In that year, the average Upstate New York senior in the coverage gap will save \$2,200. In New York alone, there are currently 244,402 seniors who fall into the donut hole. Over the next ten years, these seniors will save a total of \$2.2 billion thanks to the federal health care reform law. The fix is fully paid for and does not add to the federal deficit.



**STATEWIDE TOTAL NO. OF SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE: 244,402**

**STATEWIDE TOTAL ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020: \$2.2 billion**

## Capital Region

COUNTY	SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE	ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020
Albany	4,079	\$36,735,412
Columbia	1,047	\$9,432,900
Fulton	906	\$8,156,977
Greene	817	\$7,357,200

<b>Montgomery</b>	886	\$7,981,398
<b>Rensselaer</b>	2,142	\$19,289,123
<b>Saratoga</b>	2,884	\$25,978,231
<b>Schenectady</b>	2,254	\$20,304,653
<b>Schoharie</b>	458	\$4,126,103
<b>Washington</b>	919	\$8,273,038
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,392	\$147,635,034

### **Western New York**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Cattaraugus</b>	1,285	\$11,573,325
<b>Chautauqua</b>	2,242	\$20,193,800
<b>Erie</b>	14,300	\$128,796,018
<b>Niagara</b>	3,543	\$31,909,225
<b>TOTAL</b>	21,370	\$192,472,368

### **Rochester-Finger Lakes**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Genesee</b>	907	\$8,171,113
<b>Livingston</b>	877	\$7,903,280
<b>Monroe</b>	10,328	\$93,025,546
<b>Ontario</b>	1,608	\$14,486,000
<b>Orleans</b>	615	\$5,538,174
<b>Seneca</b>	531	\$4,780,804
<b>Wayne</b>	1,477	\$13,303,818
<b>Yates</b>	409	\$3,679,716
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,752	\$150,888,451

### **Southern Tier**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Allegany</b>	742	\$6,679,436
<b>Broome</b>	3,296	\$29,690,682
<b>Chemung</b>	1,467	\$13,214,541
<b>Delaware</b>	808	\$7,279,827

<b>Otsego</b>	989	\$8,910,627
<b>Schuyler</b>	322	\$2,903,003
<b>Steuben</b>	1,582	\$14,248,670
<b>Tioga</b>	781	\$7,034,314
<b>Tompkins</b>	1,058	\$9,526,641
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,045	\$99,487,741

### **Central New York**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Cayuga</b>	1,128	\$10,164,230
<b>Cortland</b>	650	\$5,858,084
<b>Lewis</b>	363	\$3,269,040
<b>Madison</b>	955	\$8,600,388
<b>Oneida</b>	3,884	\$34,982,599
<b>Onondaga</b>	6,538	\$58,886,619
<b>Oswego</b>	1,707	\$15,378,029
<b>TOTAL</b>	15,225	\$137,138,989

### **Hudson Valley**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Dutchess</b>	3,899	\$35,117,259
<b>Orange</b>	4,092	\$36,855,192
<b>Putnam</b>	1,169	\$10,527,292
<b>Rockland</b>	3,861	\$34,777,261
<b>Sullivan</b>	1,181	\$10,633,680
<b>Ulster</b>	2,657	\$23,935,267
<b>Westchester</b>	12,299	\$110,146,716
<b>TOTAL</b>	29,158	\$261,992,667

### **North Country**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Clinton</b>	1,209	\$10,891,097
<b>Essex</b>	633	\$5,703,337
<b>Franklin</b>	773	\$6,959,916
<b>Hamilton</b>	110	\$989,491

<b>Herkimer</b>	1,040	\$9,368,917
<b>Jefferson</b>	1,410	\$12,701,940
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	1,670	\$15,042,495
<b>Warren</b>	1,150	\$10,356,177
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,995	\$72,013,370

## Long Island

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Nassau</b>	18,471	\$166,364,685
<b>Suffolk</b>	19,441	\$175,101,965
<b>TOTAL</b>	37,912	\$341,466,650

## New York City

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>SENIORS IN DONUT HOLE</b>	<b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS, 2011-2020</b>
<b>Bronx</b>	13,592	\$122,420,125
<b>Kings</b>	25,258	\$227,498,862
<b>New York</b>	19,689	\$177,342,084
<b>Queens</b>	24,274	\$218,635,106
<b>Richmond</b>	5,740	\$51,699,045
<b>TOTAL</b>	88,553	\$797,595,222

**Methodology:** The number of seniors in the donut hole is based on CMS-provided 2010 data on the county-by-county enrollment in Medicare, multiplied by the percentage of New York seniors enrolled in Part D in 2010 (59% according to the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)). That figure was then multiplied by 14%, which is the number of Part D seniors in the donut hole nationally, as of 2007. To determine the total savings over the next 10 years, we multiplied the number of seniors in the donut hole by the average savings under the Affordable Care Act (\$9,007), as determined by the White House Office of Health Reform (See [Table 3](#)).